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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES; REQUEST FOR ASSITANCE TO VOLUNTARY VISITOR

1. POST REQUESTS FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR VOLUNTARY VISTOR ANNA SOLEWSKA-KORAB, THE CABIN STAFF MANAGER FOR POLISH LOT AIRLINES AND HER HUSBAND, ZYGMUNT KORAB, ONE OF LOTS SENIOR INTERNATIONAL PILOTS, WHO WILL BE VISITING MIAMI, FLORIDA PRIVATELY OCTOBER 11-NOVEMBER 10. ANNA SOLEWSKA-KORAB HAS BEEN WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO THIS EMBASSY SINCE SHE WAS A STUDENT AT WARSAW UNIVERSITY 10 YEARS AGO. ALTHOUGH ONLY 30, ANNA SOLEWSKA-KORAB HAS RISEN FROM STEWARESS TO A MANAGERIAL POSITION BECAUSE OF HER OBVIOUS INTELLIGENCE AND GENERAL ABILITY. SHE MAJORED IN JAPANESE AT WARSAW UNIVERSITY AND SPEAKS IT WELL; SHE IS ALSO COMPLETELY FLUENT AT A HIGH LEVEL IN ENGLISH. A YEAR AGO SHE WAS SENT BY LOT AIRLINES TO A TWA TRANING COURSE IN KANSAS CITY FOR CABIN STAFF SUPERVISERS. SHE HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOVING FORCES BEHIND THE UPGRADING AND MODERNIZATION OF CABIN STAFF PROCEDURES ON LOT AIRLINES. SHE WAS BORN JUNE 6, 1944 IN NOWY SACZ. IN ADDITION TO HER TRIP TO THE UNITED STAES LAST YEAR, SHE VISITED JAPAN TWO YEARS AGO AND HAS TRAVELED WIDELY IN EUROPE, THE MIDDLE EAST, AND NORTH AFRICA AS A LOT STEWARDESS.

2. KORAB WAS BORN MAY 23, 1926 IN MIKOLAJOW, NOW IN THE USSR. HE WAS A POLISH AIR FORCE TEST PILOT FOR 10 YEARS BEFORE JOINING LOT. HE UNDERSTANDS AND SPEAKS A LITTLE ENGLISH, BUT USUALLY RELIES ON HIS WIFE AS AN INTERPRETER. HE ALSO VISITED JAPAN TWO YEARS AGO AND, AS A LOT PILOT, HAS TRAVELLED WIDELY IN EUROPE, THE MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA.

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3. MR SOLEWSKA-KORAB IS INTERESTED IN LEARNING AS MUCH AS SHE

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CAN ABOUT US AIRLINE CABIN STAFF TRAINING AND PROCEDURES. SHE
TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER THAT SHE HAD HEARD THERE WAS A PAN AMERICAN
STEWARDESS TRAINING SCHOOL IN MAMI, WHICH SHE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT.
IN ADDITION, A GUIDED TOUR OF MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, INCLUDING
AIR CREW AREAS WOULD BE USEFUL.

4. LIKE MOST POLES WHO GO ON PRIVATE VISITS TO THE UNITED STATES,
THE KORABS ARE TRAVELING ON VERY LIMITED FUNDS BECAUSE OF THE
POLISH GOVERNMENTS RESTRICIONS ON TAKING HARD CURRENCY ABROAD.
ANY FACILITATIVE ASSITANCE WHICH COULD BE ARRANGED IN THE MIAMI
AREA OR ELSEWHERE IN FLORIDA WHICH WOULD INCLUDE COMPLIMENTARY
ADMISSION TO WORTHWHILE ENTERTAINMENT WOULD BE GREATLY
APPRECIATED BY THE EMBASSY. IDEALLY, A TWO OR THREE DAY TRIP TO
THE SPACE CENTER AT CAPE KENNEDY AND DISNEYWORLD MIGHT BE ARRANGED.
IF THIS CANNOT BE DONE UNDER FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE WITHOUT
GRANT FUNDING, ANY ASSISTANCE IN PLANNING AND ARRANGING SUCH
A TRIP PLUS OFFICIAL HOSPITALITY AT THE SPACE CENTER AND AT
DISNEYWORLD WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

5. THE KORABS MAY BE CONTACTED IN MIAMI CARE OF ANNY SKARR,
8951 NORTHEAST 8TH AVENUE. TELEPHONE AREA CODE 305, 758-3569.
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